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President Bush and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld greet troops during a visit to Fort Stewart, Ga.

Bush pledges \$5.7 billion for pay, housing and healthcare

FORT STEWART, Ga. — President George W. Bush announced Monday a significant increase in funding for quality-of-life issues affecting U.S. service members.

Speaking to a group of roughly 6,000 3rd Infantry Division soldiers and their family members here, Bush pledged an additional \$5.7 billion in 2002 to be spent between military pay increases and improving military housing and healthcare.

The president got a rousing round of applause when he announced he plans to spend \$1.4 billion on a pay raise for service members — “pay increases on top of the increases the Congress passed (during) the last couple (of) budget cycles,” he said.

Bush also said he plans to spend \$400 million on military housing and an additional \$3.9 billion to improve healthcare.

“Because of you, America is secure. Because of you, the march of freedom continues,” Bush said. “Our nation can never truly repay our debt to you. But we can give you our full support, and my administration will.”

He said the nation owes its service members and their families a decent quality of life, necessary training and equipment, and solid defense policies.

“When we send you into harm’s way, we owe you a clear mission with clear goals,” he said.

Bush called the soldiers the foundation of America’s military readiness. “But while you’re serving us well, America is not serving you well enough,” he said.

The president said problems like low pay and poor housing reach across the services with predictable results and that frustration is up, while morale and recruitment are down.

“This is not the way a great nation should reward courage and idealism,” Bush said. “It’s ungrateful, it’s unwise, and it is unacceptable.”

“You volunteered for this job. You decided to serve a cause greater than yourself,” Bush told the troops. “I’m proud to lead you, and I’m committed to serve you,” he said.

(Courtesy American Forces Press Service)

Air Force welcomes Space Commission’s recommendations

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials welcome the Space Commission’s report released last month calling for the consolidation of space functions into a single organization and are enthusiastic about the recommendations that determined a realigned and re-chartered Air Force is best suited to organize, train and equip space forces.

The purpose of the consolidation is to create a strong center of advocacy for space and an environment in which to develop a cadre of space professionals. Air Force Space Command would become the focal point for developing this cadre and advocating education and training for space professionals.

The service is analyzing recommendations, providing inputs to the Department of Defense and developing preliminary implementation plans in response to the Jan. 11 report submitted to Congress by the Space Commission.

“We are very happy the commission made solid recommendations to improve the way military space is organized and managed,” said Brig. Gen. Michael A. Hamel, space operations and integration director, and deputy chief of staff for air and space operations. “I personally believe the recommendations of the Space Commission have the potential to bring about the most profound changes in military space operations and in the role and leadership of space by the Air Force that I have witnessed in my career.”

Congress established the Space Commission last year to assess the organization and management of space activities in support of national security.

Among the steps proposed by the report is

assigning Title 10 authority and Executive Agency for space to the Air Force, a budgeting mechanism to provide funding visibility and increased integration of space organizations, people and processes within the Air Force.

The tools, capabilities, authority and accountability proposed for the Air Force by the commission’s recommendations will challenge the service to bring about the full vision and potential argued for in aerospace integration, Hamel said.

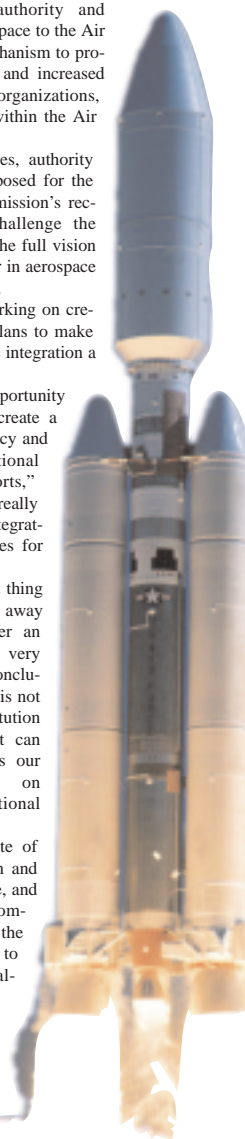
The Air Force is working on creating implementation plans to make full-spectrum aerospace integration a reality, he said.

“This is a golden opportunity for the Air Force to create a strong center of advocacy and commitment to national security space efforts,” Hamel said. “It will really enable bringing true integrated aerospace capabilities for the joint warfighter.”

“The most important thing all airmen should take away from this is that, after an exhaustive study by a very illustrious panel, the conclusion was reached there is not another service or institution within this nation that can take on the challenges our growing dependence on space means for national security,” Hamel said.

“That is a huge vote of confidence for the men and women in the Air Force, and the commission’s recommendations will give us the tools needed to step up to that leadership challenge,” added Hamel.

(Courtesy Air Force Print News)



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Message from the 21st Space Wing commander

Tuesday I had the distinct privilege to recognize some of our outstanding men and women of Team 21 during the wing's annual awards banquet. What a super group of folks doing great things throughout the wing. Congratulations to all our annual award nominees and a special congratulations to those selected as wing annual award winners. You're all winners in my book.

As many of you know, we have marked the beginning of the celebration of Black History Month. Under this

year's theme "Creating and Defining the African-American Community: family, church, politics and culture," there are a variety of scheduled events. I encourage you to get involved in this great celebration.

Finally, as we enter this holiday weekend, take some time to enjoy friends and family and have a safe weekend.

Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler
21st Space Wing commander

Letter of thanks to Clear Air Force Station, Alaska

Thanks for welcoming me on my arrival at Clear Air Force Station, Alaska. We had a great visit – a thorough tour of the domestic and operational sites. I enjoyed meeting Lt. Col. Jeffrey Vance and his team of professionals. They have done some great

work completing the Clear Radar Upgrade so successfully. We really appreciate their support to our NORAD and U.S. Space Command Missions.

Lt. Gen. G.E.C. Macdonald
Deputy Commander in Chief, NORAD

Commercial solicitation on-base is closely controlled and/or restricted

If you have recently been approached, on base, by a life insurance agent, you are not alone.

Incidents throughout the Department of Defense have prompted DoD officials to remind military members that personal commercial solicitation on base is closely controlled and/or restricted. Door-to-door canvassing, telemarketing calls to work centers, and solicitation without an appointment are prohibited.

Sales of life insurance policies on base are allowed only at the discretion of the installation commander and only when insurers meet all prerequisites outlined in DoD Directive 1344.7.

Such business may be conducted only by specific appointment, and may not be conducted in a potential client's work area.

DoD members must also remember that directives prohibit them from selling life insurance on base, as representatives of any insurer, whether or not they receive compensation for the work.

If you have been approached, on- or off-base, by a life insurance agent, DoD and local leaders encourage you to discuss the offer with a disinterested third party to ensure you are getting the service, coverage and protection you need and want. For more information, contact the base legal office at 556-1710.

Congratulations lieutenant colonel selects

The following majors were selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel.

Brian K. Anderson	USSPC
Nikolaus W. Behner	USSPC
Arthur T. Beisner II	USSPC
Walter Brecevic	21 MSS
Brad T. Broemmell	AFSPC
Thomas J. Browning	NORAD
Stephen D. Butler	USSPC
Phillip C. Chevallard	Band
William S. Cooke	2 SWS
Daniel L. Eickmeier	AFSPC
Edward M. Fincke	AFSPC
Michael J. Fleri	AFSPC
Leslie A. Formolo	21 MSS
Stephen O. Gaines II	AFSPC
Sherri S. Galante	NORAD
Todd A. Ganger	AFSPC
Jeffrey I. Gettle	84 ALF
Cynthia J. Grey	USSPC
Wade E. Hader	AFSPC
Kurt D. Hall	NORAD
Jerry S.G. Harrington	AFSPC
Michael D. Hennessy	NORAD
Gordon S. Hetherington	NORAD
John F. Hilbing	721 CS

Ronald L. Huntley	AFSPC
Dawn G. Jackson	10 ASMS
Shawn J. Jansen	AFSPC
Bruce W. Jones	NORAD
Jodi S. Jordan	AFSPC
Judson J. Jussell	USSPC
Harold W. Keck Jr.	AFSPC
Elizabeth Kelly	AFSPC
Anthony M. Logue	Det 11
Craig S. MacLeod	NORAD
Mary E. Matusiewicz	10 SWS
Laureli Mazik	AFSPC
Amy K. McDaniels	821MDS
Mark K. Nakanishi	NORAD
Perry L. Nouis	USSPC
Randolph A. Pagan	USSPC
Christopher L. Parker	NORAD
James G. Riemensvanlaare	USSPC
Jeffrey L. Schaff	AFSPC
Steven A. Smith	USSPC
Stephen B. Strehle	AFSPC
William L. Tongue	USSPC
Henry T. Wilson	AFSPC
Noel Zamot	USSPC

Promoted to captain
Paul A. Dawson 21 SW

Did you know?

The military Career Corner web site offers

information on many aspects of your Air Force career. Check it out! [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/career corner](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/career%20corner)

For more information, call the 21st Space Wing career assistance advisor at 556-4824.

Action line

Submitting Action Lines

The Action Line (556-7777 or by fax: 556-7848) is your direct link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice concerns over unsolved problems, share good ideas or provide some constructive criticism.

As a reminder, the Action Line is not a replacement for using your chain of command. Action Lines can help make the Peterson Complex and the wing a better place to live and work.



Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler

Q. What is the policy on two-hour-delayed reporting? Recently we had a late reporting day and I understood that for late reporting you still should make the attempt to get to work on time. Could you please spell it out in the base paper so that people who are sleeping-in can understand two-hour reporting? I have been here 22 years and I have always managed to make it to work even though I live at the Northwest corner of the city just south of the Air Force Academy. Thank you for your time.

A. I appreciate your concern about a wing policy that is often misunderstood. When we updated the wing's inclement weather policy this year, we emphasized a few specific points. Delayed reporting authorizes non-essential personnel an additional specified amount of time to safely report for duty. Safety of our people who might be travelling on unplowed city streets is our number one concern. Also, delayed reporting is designed to give our snow removal teams time to prepare the base for normal activity following a winter storm. They use the extra time to plow the roads and clear parking lots. We ask that non-essential personnel plan to arrive no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the specified time when delayed reporting is authorized. This is intended to minimize interference with snow removal operations. Overall, this year's policy represents no substantive change from previous years. Thank you for allowing us to re-address a policy that applies to everyone. If you would like to discuss the issue in more detail, feel free to contact Lt. Col. William Kalaski, 21st Support Group deputy commander at 556-7338.

Q. The Space Observer reported paper bags at the Commissary are more costly. How about setting up a recycle box to let Commissary shoppers drop off paper bags for reuse by the baggers.

A. Thank you for your interest in recycling. Because of sanitary and health concerns, the Commissary is unable to utilize recycled paper bags. However, patrons may bring in their recycled paper bags or cloth bags for the bagging of their personal grocery order. The Commissary baggers will be happy to accommodate any such request. Those who wish to turn in paper bags for complete recycling can do so at the recycle bins located behind the Commissary.

Q. Why does AAFES charge different prices for gas at the Air Force Academy and Peterson? One day I filled up my car with mid grade gas here on Peterson at \$1.59 per gallon and my wife filled up her car at the Academy at \$1.39 per gallon. That's a 20 cent per gallon difference between AAFES service stations in the same county.

A. Thank you for the inquiry. The gas prices on each Army and Air Force installation are set by a daily survey of the seven or eight closest gas stations to each AAFES service station. Gas prices throughout Colorado Springs are usually fairly close in range, but some price fluctuations occasionally occur in different parts of the city. The situation you found could be reversed the next time you get gas. If you have further questions, please call Michael Howard at 576-6174.

21st Space Wing congratulates annual award winners

By Senior Airman
Melanie Epperson
21st SW Public Affairs

The 21st Space Wing named its annual award winners Tuesday night at a banquet held in the Peterson Noncommissioned Officers Club. Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler recognized and congratulated the nominees as well as the winners for their outstanding performances.

Honor Guard Officer of the Year:

Capt. John M. Fultz, 50th Space Wing
Fultz commanded a 23 member team for an active-duty funeral and was lauded for his professionalism while rendering final military honors for the family's loved one. His flight performed 56 colors details, 106 funerals, 4 saber services and 2 cordons for the USAF vice-chief of staff and the commander of the Royal Air Force.

Honor Guard NCO of the year:

Staff Sgt. John A. Johnson, Jr., 21st Operations Group
Johnson brought attention to detail to the honor guard and exemplifies service before self. While on leave, he trained D-team how to perform prisoner of war and missing-in-action table honors. He was requested by name to perform in four changes-of-command and retirement ceremonies.

Honor Guard Trainer of the Year:

Staff Sgt. Robert G. Jennings, Jr., 50th Support Group
Jennings was the only member at Peterson Air Force Base selected to represent Air Force Space Command at the Order of the Sword ceremony for Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters. He prepared his team to perform in all environments and every situation.

Honor Guard Airman of the Year:

Senior Airman Rebecca A. Davis, 50th Operations Group
Davis performed numerous military honors funerals and other ceremonies. Standard-setting performance is the hallmark of this High Frontier Honor Guard Airman of the Year.

Company Grade Officer of the Year:

Capt. Edward D. Allard, 21st Operations Group
Allard's efforts raised unit morale to an all time high. He led his unit to receive zero problem areas during its first annual Ops Group inspection in wing history. Allard was ranked No. 1 of 1,025 CGOs for the 3rd quarter 2000 at 14th Air Force.

Category I Civilian of the Year:

Lois Foy, 21st Operations Group



Photo by Robb Lingley

The 21st Space Wing annual award winners gather for a photo with Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler, 21st SW commander and Chief Master Sgt. Fred Schoettler, 21st SW command chief master sergeant. Front row, left to right: Lois T. Foy, Staff Sgt. Robert G. Jennings, Senior Airman Rebecca A. Davis, Senior Airman LeeAnn M. Powers, Staff Sgt. John A. Johnson, Capt. John M. Fultz, Phung Kim Casey. Back row, left to right: Brig. Gen. Kehler, Capt. Edward D. Allard, John W. Simon, Master Sgt. Robert D. Brooks, Master Sgt. Steven D. Callon, Staff Sgt. Larry E. Simpson, and Chief Schoettler.

Foy managed all aspects of an Air Force film crew visit that showcased her unit in three nationally televised recruiting commercials. She oversaw the design of a portable professional display that now tells her units' story at exhibitions throughout northwest Florida. She is active in her church, her unit and the local community.

Category II Civilian of the Year:

John Simon, 721st Support Group
Simon is a manager of 82 military and 23 civilian personnel and executes a budget worth \$642,000. He went above and beyond by establishing specific work hour and productivity standards improving his shops' work levels by 20 percent.

Category III Civilian of the Year:

Kim Casey, 21 Space Wing Staff
Casey spear-headed year-end close-out for the wing consisting of \$282 million in operating funds, \$4.9 million in family housing and \$10.9 million in other programs. She managed

the 21 Space Wing's \$40 million in civilian pay. While working the wing's financial plan, she still managed to earn 237 hours of comptroller professional continuing education.

First Sergeant of the Year:

Master Sgt. Robert D. Brooks, 21 Support Group
Brooks deployed to Southwest Asia. He's a public speaker, a children's church ministry team leader, and the vice president of the diamond council. He created, chartered and chairs The Peterson complex dorm council, taking care of hundreds of airmen.

Senior NCO of the Year:

Master Sgt. Steven Callon, 821st Space Group
Callon demonstrated strong leadership by overseeing the Secretary of Defense's drug-free force program. He is the reigning AF Geico Award recipient for being the person doing the most to counter drug issues. He is involved in the Buckley Top 3 and an

active member of his church congregation.

NCO of the Year:

Staff Sgt. Larry E. Simpson, 721st Support Group
Simpson works for Civil Engineering. He overhauled, installed, troubleshot, repaired, modified and replaced uninterruptible power supplies. He has been selected three times as a MVP, the best of 2,600 NCOs for 14th Air Force, and he deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Southern Watch.

Airman of the Year:

Senior Airman LeeAnn M. Powers, 821st Space Group
Powers received her senior airman stripes below-the-zone and became a finalist for the Chief Master Sgt. Lewis W. Dunlap Award as mental health technician of the year. She's involved in off-duty education, a member of the mile high honor guard, and she helped raise more than \$4000 to support needy families in the

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NORAD/USSPACECOM annual award winners announced

By Petty Officer 1st Class Beverly Allen

NORAD/USSPACECOM Public Affairs

The North American Aerospace Defense Command and the U. S. Space Command recognized their annual awards winners during a luncheon Feb. 2 at the Peterson Air Force Base Enlisted Club. More than 300 people attended the ceremony, and the Air Force Band of the Rockies provided entertainment. Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, Commander in Chief, NORAD/USSPACECOM, officiated.

The selection process began with nominations submitted to NORAD/USSPACECOM Personnel Division, the first week of January. A board met to evaluate each nomination and score the packages. Nominees were evaluated on leadership and job performance, self-improvement and base and community involvement. In addition to the package review, all military nominees met an oral board. Members answered questions about military knowledge, customs and courtesies, and current events. Scores were based on how well they answered the questions as well as their communication skills and overall appearance.

The board submitted its first place choices to General Eberhart, who approved the selections.

NORAD Junior Enlisted

Cpl. Mark A. DiLello, Canadian Armed Forces, is an air wing center technician at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station. DiLello coordinated efforts and notified key decision-makers on 105-plus unknown aircraft and more than 30 air defense scrambles.

USSPACECOM Junior Enlisted

Senior Airman Irene N. Wylie is a network systems administrator assigned to the Intelligence Systems Division. She lead the integration and deployment of



Photo by Gene Chavez

The NORAD and USSPACECOM annual award winners for 2000 pose for a photo with Gen. Ed Eberhart, Commander in Chief of NORAD and USSPACECOM, and Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Estrem, AFSPC command chief master sgt. From left to right: Capt. Alexander Smith, Capt. Shawn Smith, Madalena Morales, Billie Garner, Cpl. Mark DiLello, Staff Sgt. Bryan Daniel, Tech. Sgt. Russell Gratz, General Eberhart, Denise Maloney, Senior Airman Irene Wylie, Master Sgt. Allen Newcomb, Senior Master Sgt. Kendrick Youden, Angela Irvin, and Chief Estrem.

150 Microsoft NT state-of-the art workstations, mastering all areas of a complex multi-server environment 60 days ahead of schedule and achieving a 100 percent success rate for her hands-on evaluation.

NORAD NCO

Staff Sgt. Bryan Daniel is the noncommissioned officer-in-charge, Directorate of Operations Information Management, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center. He created a budget program to track \$150,000 in NORAD and USSPACECOM funds, providing "to-the-penny

accuracy" for five divisions.

USSPACECOM NCO

Tech. Sgt. Russell J. Gratz is a senior information operations analyst for U.S. Central Command Commander-in-Chief Support Team, Joint Information Operations Center, Kelly AFB, Texas. USCENTCOM Intelligence and Operations regularly seek his expertise for in-depth targeting directly feeding critical contingency planning efforts.

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NORAD Senior NCO

Senior Master Sgt. Kendrick B. Youden is the superintendent, Integrated Command and Control Division. He took charge of the Air Mission Migration Program while the command primary was on a 90-day temporary duty, ensuring the program remained on track and keeping senior leaders apprised of all developments. Youden was the only NORAD intelligence senior NCO selected to attend the Joint Planning Orientation Course offered by the Joint Forces Staff College.

USSPACECOM Senior NCO

Master Sgt. Allen E. Newcomb is the superintendent of network operations, Intelligence Systems Division, Directorate of Intelligence. He managed the installation of the new Joint Intelligence Virtual Architecture Server, one of only four worldwide. Newcomb's efforts ensured Department of Defense intelligence analysts have real-time access to vital intelligence.

NORAD Company Grade Officer

Capt. Alexander I. Smith is the executive officer to the Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center commander. He coordinated staff functions among three commands for more than 1,400 people, including six divisions, one group and two general officers.

USSPACECOM CGO

Capt. Shawn A. Smith is an offensive counterspace action officer for USSPACECOM Counterspace and

Operations Integration Division. He drafted the first-ever war-fighting procedures for the new computer network attack mission, which established the operational tone for these activities.

NORAD Civilian (Category I)

Billie Garner is the secretary for the Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center chief of staff. She monitored the CMOC commander's and vice commander's schedules to ensure 100 percent coverage of all recurring and special meetings.

USSPACECOM Civilian**(Category I)**

Madalena M. Morales is a secretary assigned to Headquarters, NORAD/USSPACECOM Communications and Electronics. Selected to oversee the Joint Warrior Interoperability Demonstration 2000, Morales is also the lead coordinator for distinguished visitor support.

NORAD Civilian (Category II)

Angela Irvin is the administrative assistant to the NORAD operations director. Irvin directed long-range and daily schedules for the director, vice-director and the executive officer.

USSPACECOM Civilian**(Category II)**

Denise R. Maloney is the editor at the Joint Information Operations Center. Maloney ensures all outgoing documents are administratively correct. She is key to efforts to bridge the gap with the JIOC, the unified CINCs and other joint force commanders.

Mouthguards help protect your smile

Photo by Airman 1st Class Shane Sharp

Malcolm Herron plays basketball wearing a yellow mouthguard to protect his teeth.

Do you or your children play football, basketball or go mountain biking? How about racquetball, soccer or volleyball? Perhaps you like gymnastics or baseball.

No matter what sport you or your children are involved in, there's always a risk of injury.

A properly fitted mouthguard is important and can help protect your smile. You've probably seen them used in contact sports like football, boxing and ice hockey, but they are also important during other activities. A mouthguard can help cushion blows that could cause broken teeth, and tongue, lip, face or jaw injuries.

There are three types of mouthguards:

- Ready-made stock, mouthguards
- Mouth-formed "boil-and-bite"

mouthguards

- Custom mouthguards made by dentists

Effective mouthguards should have several features, including resilience, tear-resistance and comfort. They also should fit properly, be durable and easy to clean, and shouldn't restrict speech or breathing.

Generally, a mouthguard covers only the upper teeth. If you have a protruding lower jaw, your dentist may recommend that your lower teeth also be covered. For your protection, follow these rules from the American Dental Association and the Academy for Sports Dentistry:

- Don't wear removable appliances (orthodontic retainer, removable bridge or complete or partial dentures) with your mouthguard in place
- If you wear braces or bridgework, wear a mouthguard that has been properly fitted by your dentist
- If you have a protruding jaw, receding chin, or cleft palate, wear a custom-fitted mouthguard
- Do not chew on or cut pieces off your mouthguard
- Wear your mouthguard during all practices and games

A mouth guard is relatively inexpensive and easily obtained. If you participate in sports or other recreational activities, ask your dentist about a fitted mouthguard. Protect your smile.

(Courtesy American Dental Association)

Black History Month

Eugene J. Bullard: World's first black fighter pilot wasn't a Tuskegee Airman

By 2nd Lt. Paul Oakes
321st Missile Squadron

F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo. - Many of us might be tempted to believe that the world's first black fighter pilot was a Tuskegee Airman. We would be wrong.

Although America's first black fighter pilots were members of the World War II Tuskegee Airmen, France gets credit for supporting racial diversity in the aviator field a good 25 years before the U.S. Army Air Corps did.

The fact is the first black fighter pilot flew during World War I for the French Flying Corps. His name was Eugene Jacques Bullard.

Bullard, born in 1894 in Columbus, Ga., saw his mother pass away when he was only 6 years old. Afterwards, he lived with his father in Georgia until he was 18.

While growing up, Bullard would listen to his father and his grandfather — a former slave — talk about France. His father told him in France



Eugene Jacques Bullard

blacks and whites were treated equally.

After listening to his father's and grandfather's stories, Bullard began to dream of living in such a place. When he turned 18, Bullard moved to France. He hitchhiked from Georgia to Virginia and stowed away on a ship bound for Europe. Upon arriving in Scotland, he worked his way across the English countryside crossed the English Channel and eventually

reached France.

Two years later, after the 1914 outbreak of World War I, he joined the French Foreign Legion. It was there that Bullard first distinguished himself as a brave and extraordinary soldier. During the war, Bullard transferred to a regular unit in the French Army. Assigned to that unit, he fought in the Battle of Verdun, receiving several life-threatening wounds. He recovered from his wounds and, returning to duty, earned the nickname "Black Swallow of Death." However, again in combat, he was wounded and declared disabled.

Still feeling a call to duty, Bullard took advantage of his distinguished war record and requested a transfer to the French Flying Corps. His request was approved on the grounds of combat heroism.

While Bullard was only one of 200 Americans serving in the French Flying Corps at the time, he did have the distinction of being the first and only black pilot to serve during the war. Once the United States entered the war in 1917, American pilots in the French

Flying Corps were given the opportunity to transfer into the U.S. Army Air Corps and become commissioned pilots. Bullard applied but his application was denied because at the time blacks were barred from flying in the Army Air Corps.

Bullard continued to serve in the French Flying Corps, and distinguished himself in battle. During his flying career, Bullard flew more than 20 missions against the Germans, fought in numerous dogfights and shot down at least five enemy aircraft — certifying him as an "Ace." Bullard continued to serve even after having to land once behind enemy lines and being wounded twice more.

Bullard was transferred to the 170th French Infantry Regiment in January 1918, where he continued to serve until the Armistice. By the end of the war, Bullard had distinguished himself both in the air and on the ground. He shot down more than five aircraft, was wounded five times and was decorated more than 10 times, earning among others the Croix de Guerre, and the Legion d'Honneur (France's

highest honor, which is the equivalent of the United States' Medal of Honor.)

After the war, Bullard stayed in France and worked as a bandleader and later married a countess. Afterward, he opened and ran several nightclubs and a health club in France. When World War II broke out, Bullard once again answered the call to duty and fought for the French underground until the Nazis occupied Paris in 1940. With the fall of France imminent, Bullard was forced to leave the country due to his earlier activities with the French underground and as a spy against the German forces.

He returned to the United States and lived in New York until his death in 1961. Bullard was buried in the French War Veteran's Cemetery in Flushing, N.Y.

**Black History
Month
Luncheon**
Wednesday,
11a.m.- 1p.m.
at the
officers' club.
Guest speaker
will be
Col. Toreaser
A. Steele.

New TRICARE dental program begins

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. (AFPN) — The new Department of Defense TRICARE Dental Program began Feb. 1, with a program that combines the former TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan and the TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Programs.

The new plan provides expanded dental coverage to enrolled active-duty family members, members of the selected reserve and individual ready reserve and their family members.

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program, which provides dental coverage for eligible military retirees, remains a separate program and is unchanged.

"Enrollment in the new TRICARE Dental Program will be user-friendly and efficient," said Capt. Lawrence McKinley, TRICARE management activity senior dental consultant. "United Concordia Companies Inc. will take over enrollment from the personnel departments of the uniformed services, and have secure online access to the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS, to validate eligibility and enrollment."

Under the TRICARE Dental Program, referred to as TDP, enrollment is voluntary, continuous worldwide.

A major improvement over previous programs is reduction of the member's mandatory 24-month enrollment obligation. The enrollment commitment is now 12-months. Exceptions are made for reservists who have fewer than 12 months remaining but are called to active duty for certain contingencies.

The new TDP has expanded, comprehensive benefits that include diagnostic, preventive and restorative services, including X-rays, periodic examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatments, fillings, root canals,

dental crowns and bridges and orthodontics. It also covers athletic mouthpieces, an additional oral evaluation, orthodontic coverage for spouses, and selected reserve and IRR members up to age 23.

"As with medical preventive care, dental preventive care should begin early," McKinley said. "One of the primary goals for the TRICARE Dental Program is to urge sponsors and family members to seek early preventive dental care in order to avoid more costly and serious dental disease in the future. The new dental program strongly encourages diagnostic and preventive care for younger children. United Concordia will automatically enroll children at age four and notify the sponsor; however, sponsors may voluntarily enroll their children at the age of one."

Reserve component members may enroll their family members in the new program without being enrolled themselves. Certain reservists and family members previously excluded for not having an active payroll account will also now be able to enroll in TDP. United Concordia will bill those sponsors directly for all monthly premiums.

If members enroll in the TRICARE Dental Program before the 20th of the month, dental coverage begins on the first day of the following month. Dental coverage for members who enroll after the 20th of any given month begins on the first day of the second month. For example: If a member enrolls Feb. 1-19, coverage begins March 1. However, if the member enrolls Feb. 20-28, coverage begins April 1.

To avoid enrollment problems, it is important that prior to enrolling in the TDP, sponsors check their DEERS information to ensure it is up-to-date," McKinley said.

Members enrolled in the two earlier dental programs were automatically transferred to the TDP Feb. 1. In addition, dental benefits packages and identification cards were sent to enrolled members in December. People who have not received their benefits packages and ID cards or who did not see the allotment on their January Leave and Earnings Statement should contact United Concordia at (888) 622-2256.

Anyone who is eligible and interested in enrolling in the TRICARE Dental Program can get an application and additional information from the United Concordia dental program administrator at (888) 622-2256.

For general information on TRICARE dental, members may call United Concordia at (800) 866-8499, or visit the UCCI Web site at www.ucci.com.

(Courtesy Air Force Print News)



The 21st Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight has created a web-page containing information on topics like the base recycling program, natural and cultural resources and several other areas of environmental interest.

Check it out!

<https://petecentral/cev/>
or use the link found on the Petecentral Unit Pages screen.

Submit your articles to the Space Observer

Articles must be received at least 10 days prior to the date you want them to appear in the Space Observer. Articles can be e-mailed to shane.sharp@petererson.af.mil or melanie.eppeerson@petererson.af.mil. Call 556-7846 for more information

SnoFest!!!

offers something for everyone

By James Lovely
Services Marketing, U.S. Air Force Academy

Ski racing competition among Front Range military installations at SnoFest!!! is always quite spirited, but to most folks the event is more well known as a family-oriented military weekend in the Rockies. This year, SnoFest!!! is scheduled for March 2-4.

SnoFest!!! is hosted by the Outdoor Recreation Center, Information Ticket & Tour and marketing staffs at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Schriever AFB, Buckley AFB, Peterson AFB and Fort Carson, Colo., and F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo. But because the number of non-skiers will be significant among the 3,000 expected participants, SnoFest!!! organizers have planned other family oriented activities.

On Friday, March 2, while ski racers are trying to earn bragging rights and the Commander's Cup trophy, a free trip for non-skiers is planned to

Glenwood Springs. Bus transportation to the famous Hot Springs, which leaves Copper at 8 a.m., is provided at no cost but participants will pay a small fee to use the pool, and rent towels and suits. For those who prefer to be pampered, massages and facials will be available.

On the way back to Copper, the group will stop in Vail and spend a couple hours shopping and sightseeing. The bus will arrive back at Copper at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, non-skiers will depart for Leadville at 9 a.m. for the annual Crystal Carnival Weekend, including arts and crafts and food booths, antique hunting and historic tours of the Matchless Mine, National Mining Museum and Camp Hale, the World War II training grounds for the 10th Mountain Division. Round-trip transportation is free and the bus will return to Copper at 4 p.m.

Shopping at the Silverthorne Outlet Mall is another option each day, via the Summit Stage shuttle. Participants

don't have to leave the Copper area to have fun off the slopes. Families can enjoy ice skating, snowmobiling, tubing, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, sleigh rides and take behind-the-scenes tours of Copper facilities.

Everyone who purchases lodging at Copper also receives free access to Copper's outstanding athletic club, which includes an indoor pool, weight rooms, saunas, spas, indoor racquetball and tennis courts, fitness and yoga classes and massage. There are fees for non-lodging guests, massages and other services, and access to other parts of the facility.

Child care is available at \$67 for full-day care, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and \$57 for half-day care, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 12:30-4:30 p.m. Child care reservations must be made at least a week in advance by calling (970) 968-2318, ext. 38101. Copper also offers evening child care through its Kids Night Out program. Evening care is free for parents who show receipts of \$30 or more spent at

Copper that evening (does not include lift tickets or lodging). However, only 16 spaces are available in the Kids Night Out program and reservations are recommended.

The 11th annual SnoFest!!! is open to all active duty and retired military, reservists, NAF and DoD government employees, academy cadets and immediate family members of these groups.

"We have a large number of accommodations set aside for our SnoFest!!! customers at really, really great prices," said Tammy Erickson, Front Range Military Ski Coordinator. "But, because these deals are going fast and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, I'm urging everyone to make reservations as soon as possible." Lodging, ski lessons and ski rental packages may be purchased at the Peterson ITT office.

For reservations or more information on SnoFest!!!, call toll-free (877) 517-3381.

Base chapel goes digital, retires 29-year-old relic



Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Epperson

Maj. Hazel Oldham, protestant chaplain, plays the new digital Renaissance R-350 organ in the base chapel. The R-350 replaced the 1972 analog organ used in the chapel for the last 27 years.

By Senior Airman Melanie Epperson
21st SW Public Affairs

After more than 3,000 Sunday performances, an old Peterson workhorse has been replaced.

Peterson Air Force Base Chapel received a new "pipe-less" pipe organ Jan. 23. The digital Renaissance R-350 replaced the 1972 analog organ used in the chapel for the last 27 years.

"The sound quality from a digital organ, compared to an old analog, is phenomenal. Plus the previous organ was so old we couldn't even have it fixed anymore," said Staff Sgt. Edward Stobierski, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of chapel activities.

The organ is equipped with 100 "voices" including harps, choir, bells and trumpets. The organist can play up to four of the instruments simultaneously or choose one of the 60 pre-programmed four-voice combinations.

In addition, the organ can be linked to a computer or compact disk copier to make CDs of music the organist plays. Songs may also be recorded in an internal memory for playback at any time.

"Music is very powerful," Stobierski said. "It can create moods and make people feel certain emotions during services. We hope this organ will bring an increased enjoyment of the worship environment to the base community."

The music from the organ runs to fourteen speakers placed throughout the chapel to give it a full, powerful sound.

"The speakers are placed to give a surround-sound effect," said Maj. George Duncan, reservist and senior protestant chaplain. "It makes you feel like you're in a cathedral."

According to Stobierski, the purchase of the new organ wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of people from the contracting and finance squadrons.

New Items

Notice of telephone survey: The Air Force Survey Branch has approved an official survey to gather information about people's general perceptions of the Air Force, how they feel about serving, and where they may have seen Air Force messages in the media. Survey calls will be made to work centers, and everyone is encouraged to participate.



Enlisted Professional Development Seminars: The airman's seminar is scheduled for March 6. The noncommissioned officer seminar is scheduled for March 7 and 8, and the senior NCO seminar is scheduled for March 9. Call Senior Master Sgt. Rene' Melero at 268-3599 to sign up.

Extended Care services: The Family Child Care Program has added extended care services. For military families working extended hours, the Extended Care Program increased the hours of care available in Air Force licensed FCC homes. To be eligible for this program, at least one parent must be an active-duty member, reserve or guard member on active duty, dual-employed (married to civilian) or DOD civilian employee. For more information about the program, call Steve Canales at 556-4322 or 554-9579.

Internet service: The Peterson Library now has Internet service with eight workstations: four DSL workstations, best for commercial, and four .mil workstations, for research. Three DSL workstations are connected to black and white printers. One has a color printer and scanner. The .mil workstations are all connected to black and white printers. Cost is 10 cents per copy for color prints and 5 cents for black and white prints. For more information, call the library at 556-7462.

Miscellaneous

United Concordia: The TRICARE Dental Program replaced both the TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan and the TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Program Feb. 1. You must sign up before Tuesday in order to get coverage for the following month. Sign up through your health benefits advisor, dental treatment facility, or uniformed service personnel office.



Collateral duty EEO counselors: Peterson's Equal Employment Opportunity office is now recruiting collateral duty counselors for the Peterson complex. Duties are in addition to regular positions and will require up to 20 percent of duty time be devoted to counselor duties and training. Applicants must possess excellent writing and communication skills, and must have supervisor approval. Call Hazel Lowe at 556-7564 for more information.

21st Space Wing dorm manager position: The two-year special duty assignment starts April 1 and is open to master sergeants or master sergeant-selects. Applicants must be in a releasable AFSC. The requirements to apply include a one-paragraph letter explaining applicant qualifications and motivation, commander's letter of recommendation, and copies of the applicant's last five EPRs. Mail the information to 21 CES/CC or drop it off in person at Building 1324, 580 Goodfellow Street, PAFB. The deadline to apply is Feb. 28. For more information, call 556-2105.

Scholarships: The Retired Officer's Association will award 100 grants of \$1,000 each for the 2001-2002 school year. Applicants must be dependent children of active-duty military members or drilling reserve/national guard members or members of the United States Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Applicants must also be high school seniors or college students under age 24 working on their first undergraduate degree and planning to attend accredited colleges or universities as full-time students. Applications will only be accepted on line at www.troa.org. Click on the word "scholarship" to view instructions. Deadline for entry is March 1. E-mail any questions to grant200@troa.org.

Education Center 556-4064

Civilian tuition assistance: The purpose of the program is to pay for 75 percent of one off-duty education course for DOD civilians in AFSPC, pay grade GS 10 or below. The program went into effect Feb. 1, and will not pay for any courses before that date.

POWC Scholarship Program: 2001 scholarship applications for high school seniors are now available at the education office. Applicants must be seeking undergraduate or associates degrees from accredited schools and must meet one of the following specific criteria: be a dependent of an active-duty military member in any branch of service currently stationed within the Peterson complex or a geographically separated unit; be a dependent of a retired, deceased or missing-in-action military person who served on active duty and is currently residing in the Colorado Springs area; or be a dependent of a current or deceased DoD civilian stationed within the Peterson Complex. For more information, call Robin Opel at 472-1620.



Family Support Center 556-6141

Volunteer opportunities: To review a list of volunteer opportunities from District 11 schools contact Larry Land at 556-9268.

Job orientation: This class gives a brief overview of information on the local job market and how the Family Support Center can help with job searching. It is scheduled for Thursday, 1-2:30 p.m.

Investment seminar: Professor Emeritus James Agresta will discuss Mutual Funds and Exchange Traded Funds. He'll talk about taxes, expense ratios, loads and no-loads. The seminar will be Feb. 26, 1-4 p.m.

Resume review class: To take full advantage of the resume class you must bring a draft of your resume. The employment team will help you improve your product in order to secure the job you want. The class is scheduled for Feb. 27, 9-11 a.m.

Family Advocacy 556-8943

Play group: Informative, fun-filled get-togethers for parents and preschoolers are held Thursdays from 10:30 a.m.-noon at the PAFB Chapel.



Community Activities Center 556-7671

Sunlight in Glenwood Springs: Ski or just enjoy the hot springs pool, shopping in Aspen or a day trip to Leadville, March 9-11. Cost is approximately \$180 per person based on double occupancy. Rooms must be reserved now for this getaway weekend. Call

the CAC at 556-1733 today for reservations.

SnoFest!!! party vouchers: Visit the CAC and get party vouchers: \$5 now, \$10 at the door.

Military Personnel Flight 556-7377

Did you know? If you are a dependent and you need to get a new identification card, your sponsor must accompany you at the time of issuance or your sponsor may go to the customer service office and complete the paper work ahead of time. Your sponsor will then provide you with the completed documents to take to the customer service section.

Uniform Tips: Fingernail length cannot interfere with duty performance or hinder proper fit of prescribed safety equipment or uniform items.

The re-sized mini badge is authorized for wear when available for purchase.



Commissary 556-4500

Hours of operation: The commissary will be open regular hours Tuesday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Officers' Club 556-4181

Presidents Day: Closed.

Mongolian Barbeque: This dinner will be served Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.

Gourmet Dinner Night: Sliced tenderloin will be served Feb. 24. Seating is limited and reservations must be made by Wednesday. Call 574-4100. Cost is \$35 per person plus gratuity.

Enlisted Club 556-4194

Presidents Day: Closed.

Country-style buffet: The buffet will be served Tuesday, 5-7 p.m.

Take out rotisserie chicken: Get a whole chicken, two side dishes and rolls for \$6.95 Wednesday, 4:30-6 p.m..

Chapel Schedule

Protestant Services

Liturgical Worship: 8:15 a.m.

Traditional Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Gospel Services: 12:30 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Catholic Services

Mass:

Weekdays, 11:35 a.m.

Saturdays, 5 p.m.

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays, 4 p.m.

Religious Education:

(Adult and pre-K-12th grade)

Sundays, 8:30 a.m.

Congratulations award winners!

AFSPC - Annual Acquisition Awards

Secretary of the Air Force Professionalism in Contracting

Supervisory: Lt. Col. Rex L. Porter, 21st Contracting Squadron, Denmark

Non-supervisory: Ricardo Orona, 21st CONS, Peterson AFB

Outstanding Officer: Capt. Bradley K. Burhite, 21st CONS, Peterson AFB

Outstanding NCO: Tech. Sgt. Linda M. Adair, 821st Support Squadron, Buckley AFB

Special Recognition Award: 21 CONS, Peterson AFB

21st Operations Group Annual Awards

Company Grade Officer: Capt. Edward D. Allard, 18th Space Surveillance Squadron

First Sergeant: Master Sgt. Anthony R. Bender, 4th SPSS

Senior NCO: Senior Master Sgt. Eric G. Reed, 18th SPSS

NCO: Tech. Sgt. Robert P. Anderson, 2nd SWS

Airman: Senior Airman Tashara D. McGee, 2nd SWS

Civilian, Cat I: Lois T. Foy, 20th SPSS

Civilian, Cat II: Robin G. Thurston, 1st CACS

Civilian, Cat III: Clennis C. Burress, 7th SWS

21st Operations Support Squadron Annual Awards

Company Grade Officer: Capt. Jonathan A. Thompson

Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Kenneth J. Widney

NCO: Tech. Sgt. Michael A. Haskins

Civilian: Frank Simon



Photo by Robb Lingley

A STEP up!

21st Space Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler, left, and 2nd Space Warning Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Jack Weinstein, right, tack master sergeant stripes on Robert P. Anderson, 2nd SWS, during the annual awards banquet held Tuesday evening at the enlisted club. Promoted under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program, Anderson was the 2nd SWS nominee for 21st Space Wing NCO of the Year.

Air Force Space Command Media Contest 2000 Awards

21st Space Wing Public Affairs, Peterson AFB

1st place news article:

Airman 1st Class Brian Hill

2nd place sports article:

Staff Sgt. Gino Mattorano,

3rd place photojournalist:

Airman 1st Class Brian Hill,

SpaceComm 2001

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Association for Communications, Electronics, Intelligence, and Information System Professionals, is holding its annual symposium, SpaceComm 2001, Feb. 20-23 at the Sheraton Hotel in Colorado Springs. U.S. Space Command is co-hosting this event. For more information about exhibits, lecture topics, speaker profiles, and more, check the Web page www.rockymtn-afcea.org.

Peterson Museum volunteers needed

The museum needs volunteers to work in the gift shop, act as greeters, perform duties as docents, help clean and maintain the exterior of aircraft on display in the air park, and to be available to support ongoing projects such as hanger renovation and building displays for the museum and hanger. These positions are open to all ranks. Active duty, retirees, family members and senior citizens are all welcome.

For information on how you can help, call Tech. Sgt. (ret.) Rick Sherry at 599-9646 or Dr. Mary Elizabeth Ruwell, museum director, at 556-8278.

21st LG wins racquetball championship

By Airman 1st Class Shane Sharp
21st SW Public Affairs

The 21st Logistics Group Intramural Racquetball Team won the base championship Monday at the fitness center, beating the 721st Communications Squadron 90-78.

The 21st LG came from the loser's bracket to beat the 721st CS twice to claim the championship.

"Competition was tough all the way through," said Paul Bugenske, 21st LG coach. "But we were confident we could win."

The victory round consisted of four separate singles games, labeled A,B,C and D division games. Each team won two games. The total point score was taken from each match of each game then added up to determine which team was the winner.

In the "D" division game, Charles Wingerter, 21st LG, lost to Dan Caron, 721st CS, 20-30.

The lead in points wouldn't last for long however, as Douglas Cook, 21st LG, won the "C" division game 30-5, giving LG a 60-25 advantage.

LG struggled in the "B" division game, losing 10-30.

"The final game came down to the two best players on base, Ray Scott and Glen Madora," said Bugenske. "What a great way to end it."

Scott, 21st LG, came out strong in the "A" division game and claimed victory by 17 points, 30-13, making his team the base champions.

The road to the championship wasn't all about complete victory for the LG team. After losing to AFOTEC in the second round of the tournament LG found themselves fighting to advance to the championship.

"We lost a tough one to AFOTEC sending us to the loser's bracket, but we knew we could come back," said Bugenske.

LG had a chance to redeem themselves against AFOTEC. After beating 21st Services Squadron "A" and Team Colorado "A", 21st LG met AFOTEC in the semifinal round.

"This time we were focused and we came to win," said Bugenske.

"It was a great season for us filled with great competition. We look forward to repeating next year," said Bugenske.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Shane Sharp

The 21st Logistics Group intramural racquetball team stands for a photo with their championship trophies. Col. Douglas Cook holds the base championship trophy (left) and Lt. Col. Ray Scott holds the league championship trophy. Team members in the back row, left to right: Fred Blue, Bill Brooks, 2nd Lt. Aaron Lasch, Tech. Sgt. Charles Wingerter, Capt. Joseph Finotti, and Maj. Paul Bugenske (coach). The team won the base championship, coming back from the losers bracket to beat the 721st Communications Squadron twice Monday at the sports and fitness center.

Sports

Holiday hours for the sports and fitness center

The center will be open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Presidents Day. Call 556-4462 for more information.

Shuffleboard tournament

The tournament will be Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Entry fee is \$1. Call Chris Hicks at 556-1515 for more information.

Three-point basketball shootout

There will be a three-point basketball shootout Feb. 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Entry fee is \$2. Call Chris Hicks at 556-1515 for more information.

Intramural volleyball

The Intramural Volleyball season begins March 5. Games will be Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and evenings from 5-8 p.m. at the sports

and fitness center. Call Les Stewart at 556-4475 for more information.

Cheyenne Mountain 5K run

The run is at 11:30 a.m. today. Entry fee is \$1. Call Chris Hicks at 556-1515 for more information.

Intramural pool (8-ball)

A coaches meeting is scheduled for March 19, 10:30 a.m., at the sports and fitness center

Shorts

Doubles racquetball

A coaches meeting is scheduled for Feb. 28 ,10:30, a.m. at the sports and fitness center.

Intramural walleyball

Coaches meeting March 16 10:30 a.m. at the sports and fitness center.

Silver Spruce Golf Course

To check playing conditions, call 556-7810.

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Saturday**

Call outdoor recreation at 556-4867 or 556-4487 for more information

